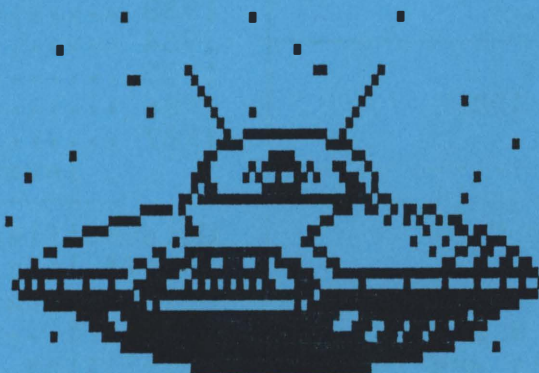
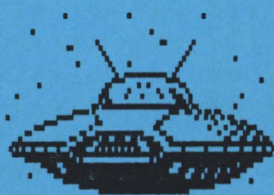


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Unidentified .....18  
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Aircraft ..... 12  
Satellites ..... 12  
Others ..... 10

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# 1988 in Review

The past year or so has been a busy one for the Centre, a steady flow of sightings to investigate, queries about related subjects, how to join the Centre, plus a new meeting location. Membership has stayed about the same, although we had many enquiries about the Centre during the year.

In recent years the group has wandered about in search of a meeting location but we have now settled (for a long stay we hope) at the Derwent Regional Library meeting rooms, they seem to provide most of our requirements ..... if there is no UFO action we can always move along to the Library for a "browse"?

Media coverage during the year varied from mass coverage of the Nullabor incident to mention of some local cases, late in 1987 the Hobart Mercury ran an item on the Centre. Reviews appeared on books such as Streiber's Communion, and Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret". On the negative side the media insisted on reporting "burn ups in the atmosphere" as UFO sightings even though advised to the contrary. It seems the more people who report seeing something cross the sky the more likely the press report it as a UFO.

Incidents with high strangeness and a witness or two tend to go unnoticed. We had more than our share of statewide cases recently, October 18th (1987), March 5th then June 20th just before 7am. The June case was a Russian Rocket "re-entry" that was spotted by many Tasmanians as they set off for work, or were out collecting the morning paper. It takes a lot of work to answer media queries as to why it is not a sighting. In turn the Centre attempts to find a rational solution for what the witnesses have seen, in fact we are now tending to be a service to the public in answering questions about anything in the night (and day) sky.

"Where do we go next?", some may ask. The Centre's aim has been to record and disseminate Tasmania UFO sightings. We feel that we have achieved this objective. All our publications are filed at the State Library .... all our UFO cases are on the Centre's TASCAT computer file (with print out) .... our sightings are forwarded also to The Australian Centre for UFO Studies .... whilst our Newsletters/Annual Report are exchanged with other groups. Obviously, finding the answer to the phenomena is beyond our capabilities, but we do show that the sightings are world wide and tend to follow a number of patterns. We will have to rely upon investigations elsewhere to press for an answer.

The big story for 1988 was of course the events on the Nullabor when the January 20th incidents made nationwide headlines. We at the Centre managed to get in on the act after it was discovered a Burnie man crossing the Nullabor the same night also experienced a sighting and had his vehicle buffeted by "winds". We also had a lights and effects report from a Tasmanian yacht off the NSW coast that same night.

The Nullabor was back in the news in October with a sighting by the passengers and driver of a bus. The Nullabor sightings blazed across the news like a meteorite, then tailed off into a rash of quick reaction expert explanations. It was interesting that each expert stuck to his own field to provide an explanation for the sighting, no matter what! Meteorologists went for dry lightning, astronomers for rising sun effects etc. The hard work of trying to find out just what really happened was left to the UFO investigator .... a task that does not come up with answer the next day to keep the news interested but rather aimed at providing a report many months later.

Talking of UFO investigators and groups .... it seems there is no active UFO group in Western Australia at the present, the Centre anyway has had no contact for sometime. UFO research (Sth Aust) following the years events is being re-activated again. The rest of Australia is "as you were" with no change from previous years. VUFORS operates in Victoria, whilst ACUFOS is based in NSW. Maybe our biggest problem is obtaining sighting information from elsewhere in Australia .... lets hope that we will hear more on UFO reports in the year ahead.

# Sightings 1988

The publicity generated by the Nullabor sightings brought a local response with an increase in reports for the Centre to investigate, it is probably not surprising that a number of cases remained unexplained. On the other hand we were still chasing up reports many months later.

Most cases belonged in the Nocturnal Light category, although some strange effects were noticed in a number of sightings. The first unexplained case occurred on January 26th near the North East village of Gray usually noted for its heavy rainfalls.

G was driving home on the Tasman Highway and noticed a glow some distance ahead over a hill to the west. He thought the source of the glow could be a spotlight or a bushfire. However as he continued on an oval mass of orange light rose up from behind the hill. G decided to stop and have a look with his binoculars. Nothing extra though could be seen with the binoculars as the huge mass of light remained just above the trees with its base partially obscured. G estimated it to be as large as a football field. The object was stationary for quite some time before it looked to fade or move away to the west. There was no sound from the light mass which was some 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 2k distant.

## Reports but No Witnesses.

The evening of January 28th/29th brought UFO reports to Hobart radio stations, however, the witnesses failed to leave any identification, then publicity in the press brought reports from other locations. The six original callers never contacted the Centre.

One of the cases we did pick up was from an architect who made notes on his sighting near Geeveston in the early hours (1.12am) of January 29th. A was working in his radio room when he noticed the cat acting strangely. Thinking there maybe a dog in the backyard A looked out. To the east he saw an oval shape, it was a very dark shape that blotted out the stars behind it. A went outside but could not make out anything to account for the shape. A then went back inside to mark the position of the dark mass on the window of his radio room. He turned to put his marker back down and when he looked back 1 second later the shape had vanished. Again he went outside but the sky was devoid of any clouds, it being a fine clear night. There was a near full moon at the time which made the black shape or cloud even more puzzling. It did not appear to move in the 3 minutes it was under observation.

Two nights later on January 31st another sighting was made from across the valley at Cygnet, this time there were two witnesses who saw some lights at 10.20pm. M had gone out into his garden just to look about as it was a fine clear night, at once he noticed some lights in the north western sky, at some 20 degree elevation.

The lights were moving in a steady manner towards the south, M was puzzled by their appearance so he called out his wife to also have a look at what was going on. The lights just kept on going across the sky, passing away to the south west until they had faded into the distance. No sound was heard at any time by the witnesses.

The lights were a steady orange colour, two lights one above the other with a smaller light just behind in the centre. Beneath the lights was a hazy orange area of light, oval in shape. Both the lights and the oval mass of light moved together as if on the same object or travelling in formation. The sighting lasted about 3 minutes. The area covered by the lights would have been similar to a full moon.

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## MORE SIGHTINGS

It was only a few more days before the next sighting (February 3rd). This time a Kingston couple saw a strange light to their north at 9.20pm. The wife had gone to the lounge window to look at the dusk sky, instead she was surprised to see a round ball of orange/flame coloured light on or just below the skyline of a hillside about 3k distant. The wife's initial thought was there was a bush fire, but it seemed to be contained into the round shape. She called her husband to step out and look at the funny light. Whilst he was crossing the room to come and have a look the light went out, almost at once it was replaced by a bright white starlike light. The husband arrived in time to see the light travel away in level flight to the east. It was gone in some 10 seconds, maybe over the skyline or just disappearing into the distant sky.

The run of reports from south of Hobart continued on March 5th with a sighting in the early hours by two witnesses in the Huon Valley. Mrs P woke early in the morning and noticed three lights out over the valley. The house has good views to the south west. The red light was on top with the green light at the bottom. The lights were low and looked to be in front of the ridge about 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>k away. The lights were moving up the valley towards the north west, but then seemed to curve back more towards the south west moving up into the sky but still beneath the clouds. Mrs P had by now woken up her husband, he was able to see the pulsating lights as they moved to the south west. The two side lights went out leaving the larger white light stationary in the sky. The witnesses kept an eye on the light for most of an hour but they both tired and finally went back to sleep.

### Light Follows Aircraft?

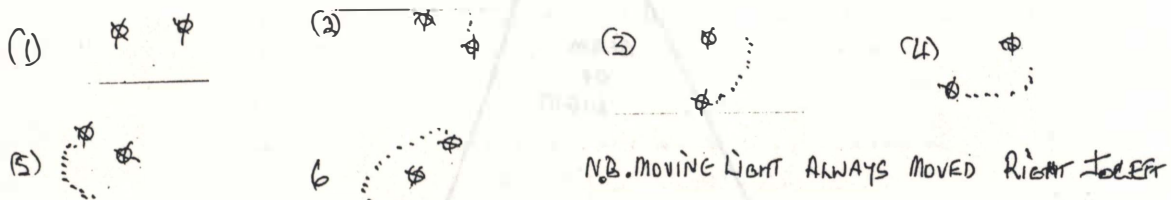
A retired manager and his wife had an unusual sighting on March 20th about 7.15pm from their Youngtown home near Launceston. The Centre contacted Launceston Airport but they could offer no explanation for the sighting.

Mr R initially noticed a bright light just above the northern horizon, he kept looking at the area for some 5 to 10 minutes and then noticed there were two lights side by side. The lights were of similar brightness and R assumed they were on an approaching aircraft. Now however, the right hand light began to circle down and around the left hand light. The two lights it could be seen were approaching and would pass to the west of the witnesses.

Mr R raced inside now to get his binoculars, he was able to view the lights on his return outside for a minute before one of the lights began to pull away towards the north. This white star sized light soon had disappeared over the northern horizon. The other light which R was convinced was a commercial aircraft soon went away towards Launceston Airport.

There was an aircraft into Launceston at that time but the Department of Aviation said that had any phenomena been observed by the Pilot or Tower Control a report would have been generated. The Department said that by the nature of requirements for separating aircraft from each other, there would be no possibility of another aircraft being involved in the situation.

This is the first case for some time in Tasmania involving the report of an unidentified light following an aircraft.



## CAR LOOSES POWER

In mid 1987 an Ambulance on a run in the Derwent Valley lost power when a glowing shape was sighted near the road. A similar event occurred on March 23rd this time in the Tamar Valley, and only three days after the aircraft and light encounter.

Our two witnesses were travelling home on the East Tamar Highway soon after midnight in a 1980 Gemini. The sighting took place about 25k north of Launceston.

Mrs B was first to notice a bright light ahead as they neared Mt Direction, almost at once Mrs T said the engine seemed to be playing up. The car radio just went dead and the engine lost power, it sort of "bunny hopped" along the road. Mrs T pressed the accelerator to the floor but the car would not go over about 30kph.

The lights were on the driver's side and the thing that caught Mrs T's eye was a beam shining down through the trees and lighting up the roadside bush. Above the beam she could see four square lights coloured yellow. She estimated the lights were some 50m away and maybe 30m off the ground. She had the feeling the lights were just above the roadside trees. There seemed to be a fog like effect near the lights although it was a fine clear night elsewhere.

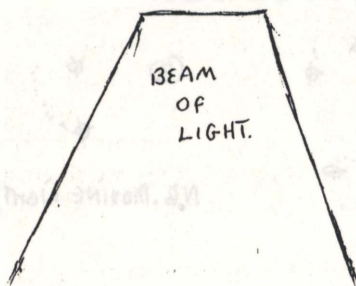
Looking at the lights was like looking into a window. Mrs T wound down her window to make sure there were no reflections. The lights covered an area about the size of a full moon or maybe more. The lights eventually went off and the car picked up speed whilst the radio came back on.

Mrs B did not notice the beam as much as her friend but had a good look at the lights during the 5 minute sighting. Mrs B felt that each of the lights were moon sized and yellow in colour. She thought the lights were some distance from the road. The lights seemed to move ahead of the car then just went out. The car then ran normally and the radio came to life.

Mrs T recalls another car passed them just before the lights appeared otherwise it seems there were no other witnesses.

The car has continued to function normally since the event on the East Tamar Highway and nothing could be found wrong by Mr T. No aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting. This was just one of a number of recent sightings involving beams of light.

"We could see portholes with lights on"





## MORE BEAMS OF LIGHT

It wasn't long before the next UFO report came in, 1988 was proving to be the busiest year for the Centre since the end of the 1970s. The end of 1987 had seen a landing and reports of low level UFOs, now we had a motor vehicle power loss, possible aircraft pursuit, and the case on April 4th had an object shining a beam on a radio relay station.

The witness was on night work at Waverley on the eastern edge of Launceston, situated some 2k south east on a hill was a radio relay station. M was working outside cleaning a chimney stack when at 8.45pm a bright light caught his attention to the south east.

A closer look by M showed there was a brilliant beam of white light lighting up some buildings at the 7EX relay station. The beam of light looked to have its source from a dark circular object visible between the two radio towers. M had work to do but kept an eye on the beam which did not move at all over the next 20 minutes. Then M saw that the beam had gone out and the circular object was moving away towards the north. The top section looked to be rotating as it displayed a series of red, blue and white lights. Slowly the object was picking up speed as the lights also flashed quicker. It was also gaining elevation, M could not hear any sound.

M knew the Centre's local Representative lived at nearby Ravenswood and decided to give him a call before the object was lost from view. M contacted Macsween but by now neither of them was able to locate the object which had disappeared.

Investigations ruled out aircraft and works at the relay station which was not occupied at the time of the sighting. Soon after M said he could smell a carbide odour that was being brought on a breeze from the direction the light was seen.

### Another Launceston Case

Yet another sighting came from the Launceston area when Mrs K spotted a mass of white light when travelling home on June 20th at about 8.35pm. She had just left the southern suburbs and was travelling over the hill south of Franklin Village.

The oval mass of white light was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  moon sized and looked to have a blue light flashing at the base, it gave Mrs K the impression that the mass of light was spinning, the second report in a row where the object looked to be rotating.

The UFO looked to be stationary to the south east at an estimated distance of a few kilometers. Suddenly the object moved straight up and looked to either disappear into clouds or maybe the distance. The light which had been viewed for about 30 seconds was gone in just a second at a very fast speed.

Mrs K was upset by the event and contacted the Airport on arriving home, they in turn suggested she contact TUFOIC. Civil Aviation confirmed there were no aircraft movements at the time of the sighting.

### WEST COAST AGAIN

Tonight Messrs Drum, Ware and others at Silver Hill saw a peculiar light in the sky. Observations were taken when the light appeared to be travelling from the vicinity of Macquarie Heads towards Mt Dundas where it finally disappeared. At the time two lights were distinctly visible and as these intermittently disappeared rays of light were thrown towards the earth. Similar reports have also been received from Strahan and Queenstown.

Well, there's nothing new to this UFO business after all, the above report appeared in the Hobart Mercury on Monday October 5th, 1914!

## REPORTS FROM SOUTH

After the run of cases in the North of the State it was a change when a number of cases occurred again in the Hobart area. The first was at Dodges Ferry on the evening of July 5th at 9.45pm. The Centre believes there were other witnesses to the event but was only able to talk with one surprised resident.

Mr T was sitting back watching television when his attention was attracted to something bright at the rear of the house. He could see out through a large dining room window over vacant land behind the house. A bright green shape had come into his view and seemed to be going across and down to the left of the window. He could see a luminous cone that was well defined against the night sky but despite being so bright the moment it was obscured by a nearby shed everything went dark again.

Mr T said the sighting was over in a few seconds but he had the impression of something drifting along, it even looked to have passed in front of nearby trees. The cone was not as wide as a full moon, but considerably longer. Nothing was found on the vacant land to explain the report, nor were there any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

No object was seen in the next case but the witness was disturbed by a strange noise and bright beam. The report which occurred on July 28th in the early hours of the morning came from residential Glenorchy. Mrs K had awoken in the early hours to go to the bathroom. She then noticed that the birds were twittering as if it were dawn, also nearby dogs were crying out. Initially she thought it must be sunrise as a yellow light lit up the room from outside, at the same time she could hear a humming noise.

Mrs K now felt a bit disturbed by this train of events and waited in the bathroom for the noise and light to cease, after some minutes with no change in the situation she ventured out to a rear window of the unit. Outside she saw an area of the backyard lit up as if from above whilst some of the vacant land beyond was also lit up. She then went to wake up her husband but by the time they returned the noise had stopped and beam disappeared. Investigation into local explanations failed to uncover anything to account for the event.

Interestingly at a house just across the block a similar event occurred 19 years earlier. A man who had gone to the toilet in the early hours claimed that a bright light had shone into the house, a whoosing sound was heard as a bright mass of light was seen rising up from the backyard.

The Centre had another possible noise event from Howrah but no object or lights were seen. However, another early morning case on September 18th from the Hobart city suburb of Battery Point had similarities to the Glenorchy case.

The two witnesses were asleep in the front room of their house when they were both awoken by a whirring whooshing type sound which seemed to be coming from outside. Both witnesses say they saw a light in the sky through the open uncurtained window. The sky outside was briefly lit up like daytime with a gold or pink coloured light. Although it was bright outside no light reflected into the room. Both witnesses had the impression that the light area moved from east to west. The sound also appeared with the light at fast speed and everything was over in a matter of seconds.

Checks with the Police revealed no accidents/fires in the area, and enquiries at local shops failed to bring forth any other witnesses. However, at the Port Control Tower 700m to the NNE a flash of light was noticed at 4.00am in the direction of Battery Point. The witnesses did not know the time of the event but thought it was around 3.00am - did the Port Tower Officer see the same phenomena as the Battery Point residents???



## NOVEMBER

Following wet and windy weather in October it seemed as if the sightings had faded away for the year but November provided the Centre with 3 strange cases.

The first incident was on November 8th at Bridport on the North East coast. Mrs W had gone to bed early but near 10.00pm something woke her up, the dog which usually barks at any disturbance gave one bark and then went silent.

She could now hear a medium pitched sound, it went 'perp' four times, would stop, then repeat again. The sound didn't seem mechanical but subsequently it just went on for the next five hours without a break, although it did go louder a few times. Mrs W got up and searched the house but couldn't find anything, finally she went outside into the garden. The dog stayed very close to Mrs W and its hair bristled up when they went outside. The sound seemed to be on the east side of the house some distance above the ground but nothing was visible. Later Mrs W heard a rustling paper type sound from that side of the house. About midnight Mrs W called the Police, however the local policeman was not available at that time. She continued to wander about the house in the dark waiting for the police until near 3.00am she was standing near the verandah windows in her lounge.

Suddenly a yellowish beam of light came on and lit up the area between her and the windows. In a few seconds the beam had gone out and the noise stopped but there was a strong amonia smell for a while. The digital clocks and the main clock on the wall had all stopped at 3.05am, the digitals just flashing. Mrs W decided to go to bed but her dog would not settle down so she was up again at 4.00am when she was puzzled to see that the clocks had all somehow been reset to the correct time. The Police came the following day but, despite a search of the house and grounds, they could not find anything out of place.

## OBJECT FRIGHTENS MOTORIST

The next evening (November 9th) at 10.20pm a mother and daughter were travelling home along the Tasman Highway near Nunamara. It was a fine starlit night and the daughter glanced up at some of the bright stars when she noticed one of them was moving. Mrs P says that the next thing she knew was that this bright crystal coloured light was dropping out of the sky at high speed. It took up a position on the passengers side of the car and seemed to move along with them. The object was a round half moon shape and surrounded by an orange glow. The UFO looked to be about tree top level and at times was obscured by roadside trees.

Mrs P continued on along the highway for about 3 minutes feeling concerned as the object did not go away. Then the object sped up to go ahead and take up a position over the highway ahead. Mrs P estimated it was 10 metres or so off the ground and about 200m away. She stopped the 1981 Suzuki Diesel Utility, turned round and set off for Launceston as fast as she could go. Mrs P's daughter watched out the back as the light followed them along the road. Mrs P travelled at up to 100kph but the light just stayed behind them. As they reached Launceston's suburbs the light gained elevation and became just a bright light in the north east sky, and once they were in the suburbs proper it was obscured by trees and buildings.



## LAST REPORT

Our last report occurred on November 25th and comes from Bruny Island. It is certainly as strange as most cases during the year.

Mr H and his wife have been spending weekends at their Bruny Island shack for years so they know the Island very well, Mr H having been born on the Island. Around 10.00pm Mr H noticed that a line of electrical interference was rolling down their TV screen, also their dog was growling occasionally. This went on for some half an hour before H decided to let the dog out for its evening run.

The back door of the shack faced inland (SE) and there is an area of gum trees of varying height about 50m from the back door. As soon as the dog had gone outside it stopped and looked up above the trees. Mr H looked also and was surprised to see two large dim orange lights. Then a brilliant white light much bigger than the orange lights came on in its centre. Despite this light's brilliance it did not light up the trees or adjacent area at all.

Mr H now called his wife who came to the back door whilst he advanced some 15m up the backyard to obtain a clear view of the lights. At this stage a light like a 'rocket' came from the lights and H says it seemed to be coming straight at him at first. This light moved fast and somehow travelled down through the gum trees without actually hitting any of them, something H found hard to understand as the young gum trees are close together.

Mr H says he saw the light all the way to the ground less than 50m away, next day he searched the ground thoroughly but found nothing. Mr H and his wife now retreated inside, turning off all the lights and TV. Mr H stood at the back door for sometime watching the still stationary lights which he estimated as being some 200m away over a waterhole just outside his property. Soon a car came along the road, and as its lights lit up their yard the UFO lights went out, then when the noise of the car engine had faded into the distance the lights came back on. His wife was feeling concerned about the lights so he shut the door, soon after he looked out but there was nothing to see.

The next day he searched his block and surrounds but found nothing to help explain the sighting. There maybe no connection but the waterhole was 30cm below its top level. It had been full a couple of weeks ago and there had been a lot of rain since then including the 25th and there was no stock in the paddock. The grass around the top of the waterhole was all lying outwards on the exposed top 30cm of the waterhole.

## Drake miners duck a colourful UFO

All that glittered was not gold for gold mine manager Lee Rossetti on Thursday night.

Mr Rossetti is in charge of the Mount Carrington mine at Drake, between Casino and Tenterfield.

As he and construction company manager Mike Goethel drove from Drake to Casino early that evening, they observed an unidentified flying object.

Mr Rossetti, with a scientific and engineering background, is a methodical man who keeps a diary.

He noted later in his records that he and his colleague had seen the object at 6.40 pm.

It appeared to be a whitish-yellow stationary light over Casino, about 1000 feet (304 metres) above the town.

"We were about five kilometres west of Casino when we first saw it and we watched it as we neared the town," he said.

"I stopped the vehicle to watch, and we saw it change shape and colour to an aqua-green ball and it shot up to between 2000 and 3000 feet (609 and 914 metres) and headed west-south-west towards Tenterfield."

Mr Rossetti and Mr Goethel reported the UFO to Casino police, but that was the only report received by the police about the incident.

When Mr Rossetti arrived at the mine yesterday morning, he found that his chief geologist, who lives at Drake, had also seen a bright light in the direction of Casino on Thursday night.

Source: THE NORTHERN STAR  
'Lismore'  
AUGUST 27, 1988



# AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS 1987/88

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	SOURCE
Nov 28	SA	0533	NL	Woodville	Cigar	Glowing bright object with tail	1
Dec 14	Tas	2030	CE2	Nr Launceston	Cigar	Car stopped, object lands on road	2
Xmas	WA	nite	NL	Eucla	Lit	Road house buzzed by object	3
Jan 3	NSW	1930	NL	Sth Coast	Flare	Flare shape low on horizon	4
5	WA	nite	NL	Eucla	Lits	Lits hover over airstrip	3
12	SA	0910	NL	Beaumont	Dome	With red/white lits, travels low	1
abt 13	WA	nite	NL	Eucla	Ball	Motorist sees big brit lit for SY	3
abt 13	WA	nite	NL	Gt Aust Bight	Lits	Fishing boats report brit lits	5
	SA	nite	NL	Ceduna	Lits	Motorists report sighting lits	6
20	SA	0240	CE2	Kiancuta	Beams	Car loses power, buffeted about	2
20	SA	0530	CE2	Mundrabilla	Egg	Object lifts car from road briefly	4
20	SA	nite	CE?	Off Sth Auast	Lit	Plane sees object over fish boat	5
21	NSW	nite	CE3	Nr Broken Hill	Fig.	Fig. by truck, driver can't move	1
25	Tas	2200	NL	Grey	Oval	Large object at tree top level	2
29	Tas	0112	NL	Geeveston	Oval	Dark shape stationary near town	2
31	Tas	2020	NL	Cygnat	Lits	Lits and glow crossing sky	2
31	SA	nite	NL	Mt Gambier	Disc	Obj & brit lits, goes behind trees	1
Feb 2	Tas	2120	NL	Kingston	Rnd	Glow on ground, lit shoots of to E	2
2	SA	nite	CE2	Pt Hatfield	Lits	Radio cut out as lits follow car	1
14	Qld	2010	NL	Clermont	Lit	Stationary lit dives at car	7
14	Vic	0430	NL	Buckley Falls	Lits	Sound wakes wtnes, lits move to W	8
Mar 2	SA	0258	NL	Victor Harb	Ball	Ball circles then zig zags away	1
5	Tas	0200	NL	Lonnvale	Lits	3 lits moving low up valley	2
17	SA	0710	NL	Hove	Cigar	Orange obj changes to dome shape	1
20	Tas	1715	NL	Youngtown	Lit	Lit seen following aircraft	2
23	Tas	0030	CE2	Mt Direction	Lits	Car lose power near lits with beam	2
23	NSW	2100	CE1	Connabarabran	1/2	Motorist sees obj on road ahead	4
Apr 4	Tas	2045	NL	Waverley	rnd	Beam below spinning shape	2
May 3	NSW	0510	NL	Nr Broken Hill	-	Obj swinging about thru clouds	1
17	SA	nite	CE1	Cober Pedy	rnd	Green obj near road, takes off	1
-	Qld	nite	CE2	Samford	???	Car lose power as UFO wobbles past	9
Jun 4	SA	1857	NL	Karooda	rnd	Obj lights up wide area of road	1
6	Tas	2035	NL	Franklin Vill	oval	Stationary obj suddenly shoots off	2
Jul 5	Tas	2145	CE1	Dodges Ferry	Cone	Object seen floating over paddock	2
28	Tas	0300	NL	Glenorchy	Beam	Noise & beam frightens witness	2
Aug 9	Tas	0900	NL	King River	Disc	Sev wtnes see disc shoot off lits	2
25	NSW	1840	NL	Casino	Ball	Object shoots up and heads West	7
29/31	SA	0100	NL	Cober Pedy	Lits	Brit lit seen moving at low levels	1
Sept 7	SA	1820	NL	Springfield	Cigar	Motorist sees zig zagging object	1
7	SA	2030	CE1	Blanchtown	Ball	Strange obj follows car 30-40 mins	1
18	Tas	0400	NL	Battery Pt	Beam	Noise & beam startles witness	2
19	SA	1755	NL	Ingle Farm	squ	Hovering object turns and goes NW	1
Oct 22	WA	0015	CE1	Mundrabilla	Lit	Lit paces bus - probably Jupiter	10
Nov 8	Tas	2200	CE1	Bridport	Beam	Noise wakes wtnes, brief beam lit	2
9	Tas	2115	CE1	Nunamara	rnd	Motorist paced & followed by lit	2
23	Tas	2230	CE2	LtTaylorBay	Lits	TV plays up, dog reacts, 3 big lits 200m away	2

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The Knowles family caused a sensation when they reported a UFO encounter on the Nullarbor. A scientific probe has backed them up and the UFO Society confirms it really did happen . . .

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**S**TARTLING scientific evidence may now prove a Perth family's claim of having been chased by a UFO on the Nullarbor Plain earlier this year.

Scientists have isolated particles believed to have been left behind by the UFO. Researchers say this is the first time in the world that physical evidence of a UFO encounter has been isolated.

Members of the Knowles family were thrown into national prominence after they claimed a UFO landed on top of their car on January 20, as they were driving from Western Australia to Melbourne.

They said the object picked up their car, shook it and slammed it

to the ground, showering it with ash before flying away.

The Victorian UFO Research Society, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and third largest in the world, has released a 300-page research report on its investigation into the Knowles incident.

Scientists from Melbourne's Monash University have confirmed that the "UFO dust", although made of potassium chloride, looks like nothing they have ever seen before.

Victorian UFO research society member John Auchettl, who led the Knowles investigation, said that under an electron microscope scientists found the enlarged dust particles to be "unusual".

"The particles were made of potassium chloride, but instead of being a crystal formation, which is usual, they were velocity particles," Mr Auchettl said.

"This means that the dust must have been forced out of something at a great velocity."

Scientists said that under enlargement the dust molecule looked as though it might have come from a space shuttle blast.

"The UFO society theory is that the dust came from the UFO," Mr Auchettl said.

"In fact the dust had such a dense amount of chloride in it, scientists thought it might have come from a swimming pool, which wasn't possible.

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"The dust backs up the Knowles' claim. The UFO society was on the scene as soon as we heard about the incident and we went through their car with a fine-tooth comb.

"This time, we were leaving nothing to chance."

According to Mr Auchettl, a former pilot who has been involved in UFO investigation for 10 years, the Victorian UFO Society only concerns itself with the "nuts and bolts" of UFO sightings.

The society focuses its research on computer analysis of UFO photographs and films, as well as extensive analysis of weather maps and satellite data.

"People who discredit UFO

sightings usually don't do any research into their theories," Mr Auchettl said.

"I consider the sceptics my conscience. I am always questioning and looking for the fake UFO sightings. That way we know a real encounter when it occurs."

There is no doubt in Mr Auchettl's mind that Mrs Faye Knowles and her sons Sean, Patrick and Wayne had a real UFO encounter.

Investigation of weather and satellite maps for January 20 revealed there were no storm clouds, weather balloons nor meteor dust in the area at the time. There was also no chance of the "orange-

colored, egg shaped light", which the Knowles claim they had seen, being a planet or moon overhead.

UFO researchers insisted the Knowles family receive independent medical and psychiatric examinations.

Although the family had not suffered from radiation, as was feared, Mrs Knowles' hand still swells up at night. She claimed she had felt the top of the car and touched the UFO, which felt like a "rubber suction pad".

Mr Auchettl said that under hypnosis the Knowles family stuck to their original story, although nothing new was revealed.

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"We were looking for sub-conscious lies, but their stories hold true. The Knowles family are not sophisticated people who could make up complex lies and stick to them under hypnosis," Mr Auchettl said.

According to the Knowles, the Ford Telstar, driven by Sean, almost collided with a huge "bright glowing" object at 5am, January 20, on the Eyre Highway, near the WA-SA border.

They claimed the object parked on the road in front of them and that Sean swerved to miss it and nearly hit a car and a caravan coming the other way.

They said their car was then engulfed by a glowing ball and lifted in the air. Sean maintained

that at one stage he was driving at 200kmh to get away from the object.

"The Knowles didn't really know how much time had passed, but I am of the opinion that time was lost, that they actually disappeared for about four hours," Mr Auchettl said.

"We investigated truck drivers in the area at the time and we have one truck driver saying that on the way to SA he didn't see them, yet a short time later a truck driver travelling the opposite direction saw them on the road.

"Also, there are no reports of a car and caravan on the road at 5 am. No truck drivers saw them.

"My opinion is that this car and caravan were in fact a UFO, maybe a second UFO, that was on the

road. Sean described it as a car and caravan because they were the only words he had to describe that image."

Mr Auchettl said investigations revealed damage to the top of the car wheel spring, consistent with the car being dropped. In answer to sceptics who said the Knowles' car could not do 200 kmh, tests with the car raised off the ground showed that kind of wheel speed was easily achieved and accordingly registered on the speedo.

"There was an independent sighting before the Knowles' encounter, by a truck driver who claimed to have been followed by an object in the area," Mr Auchettl said.

"The Nullarbor is an area active with UFO sightings, but what makes the research into the Knowles' encounter so important is that this time it wasn't just a damn light in the sky.

"This time, something was left behind."



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